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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: L. Nguyen
KAZUNORI MASUDA, ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2853
Appln. No.: Unassigned (Divisional of)	
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Examiner is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Each of the documents has been cited in parent Application No. 10/059,440. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(d), copies of the cited documents are not being provided herewith.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. application:

<u>APPLN. NO.</u>	<u>INVENTOR(S)</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
10/133,331	Kazunori Masuda	April 29, 2002	2853

The foregoing copending application was cited in the parent application. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the cited U.S. Application is enclosed.

US '124, US '262, US '600, US '359, US '333, US '577, US '129, US '796, JP '847, JP '670, JP '461, JP '260, EP '988 and JP '463 were cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed May 16, 2002, in the parent application.

JP '463 is discussed at page 7 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein. EP '988 corresponds to JP '463.

US '124, US '262, US '600, US '359, US '333, US '129, US '796, JP '847, JP '670, JP '461 and JP '260, which generally relate to ink jet recording, are discussed at pages 47-52 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein. US '577 corresponds to JP '260.

US '691, US '134, US '430, US '213 and US '710 were cited by the Examiner in an Office Action dated September 10, 2002, in the parent application.

US '199, US '790 and EP '925 were cited by the Examiner in an Office Action dated May 31, 2003, in the parent application.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,


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		4,345,262	08/1982	SHIRATO, ET AL.			
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		59-123670	07/1984	JAPAN			ABSTRACT
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		0 750 988	01/1997	EUROPE			
		9-11463	01/1997	JAPAN			ABSTRACT

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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